

(9) Canyon Hike

11:00 a.m.

Meet: Wolf Cave Parking Area

This hike is why McCormick's Creek is known for amazing spring wildflowers: see spring beauties, shooting stars, toothwort, and dwarf larkspur....



(10) Butterflies and Blooms

1:00 p.m.

Flatwoods Park

Location: On Hwy 46 between Ellettsville and Spencer, turn south on Flatwoods Road.

Carpool from Nature Center at 12:30

Sandy Belth, a local butterfly enthusiast and naturalist for the Monroe County Parks and Recreation Department will help you take a closer look at butterflies!



(11) Bog Life at Jordan Seeps

Carpool from Nature Center at 12:30

Limit: 15 people, pre-signup required at Information Booth prior to program.

- Take a look at several rare plants that like the acidic water found at Jordan Seeps, a property managed by the Division of Nature Preserves but not normally open to the public.



All day on Saturday, April 19!

Friends of McCormick's Creek

Annual Native Plant Sale

A variety of woodland and prairie species for sale.

10 a.m.~ 4 p.m.

At the Nature Center/
Information Booth

Things to Remember:

- ✓ All programs are free; however there is a gate fee to enter McCormick's Creek State Park.
- ✓ Hikes will continue regardless of weather conditions.
- ✓ Bring drinking water.
- ✓ Please remember these simple Leave No Trace Ethics: stay on established trails and leave plants, animals and natural objects as you find them.
- ✓ Thank you for coming!

Join us again next year:

Owen County Wildflower Weekend

3rd Weekend in April:

April 17-19, 2009

Owen County Wildflower Weekend



Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
April 18-20, 2008

Sponsored by:

- McCormick's Creek State Park
- Friends of McCormick's Creek, Inc.
- Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Monroe County Parks and Recreation
- IDNR Division of Forestry
- Sassafras Audubon Society
- The Nature Conservancy
- IN Native Plant and Wildflower Society

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McCormick's Creek Nature Center

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Program Schedule

Friday, April 18

(1) Wildflower Weekend Kickoff

7-8:30 p.m.

Nature Center Auditorium

Hosted by the Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park

-Marc Evans, local amateur photographer, will share his love for wildflowers through the lens.

-A look at the weekend's activities...

-Refreshments provided!



Saturday, April 19

(2) Wildflowers of McCormick's Creek State Park

8:30 a.m.

Meet: Nature Center/Info booth

-Option 1: Join Interpretive Naturalist Marquita Manley for a 1 hour easy walk to identify common spring ephemerals!

-Option 2: Join Seasonal Naturalist Andrea Oeding for a 2 1/2-hour moderate to rugged hike to explore the wildflowers along the canyon and creek habitats.



(3) Using Nature in Art

10:30- 11:30 a.m.

Meet: Nature Center Auditorium

Join the Nature Center staff and volunteers as they share their favorite art projects using natural objects. Materials will be available for you to get crafty too!



(4) Indiana Demonstration Forest Tour

1 p.m. -3 p.m.

Meet: Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District Farm

Location: Take 67 South and turn right on Hancock School Road. (About a 15 minute drive from State Park)

-Don't miss this walking tour through Owen County's own demonstration forest with District Forester Ralph Unversaw and Gwen Dieter with the OCSWCD.



(5) The Bells are Ringing: Hike to see Virginia Bluebells!

4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Meet: Canyon Inn front steps

Take a hike to the historic Statehouse Quarry where Virginia Bluebells are common. One visitor said, "It looks like a sea of blue!"



(6) Pitch-In Dinner

6:00 p.m. @ Redbud Shelter

Chat with other wildflower enthusiasts!

Bring a dish to share. Tableware and drinks provided.



(7) Maryrose and Fred Wampler present: "The Making of Wildflowers of Indiana"

7:00 p.m. @ Redbud Shelter

Maryrose, the premier wildflower artist in Indiana, will share stories and slides of visiting McCormick's Creek State Park to gather information and pictures as the basis for many of her paintings.



Sunday, April 20

(8) Birds and Blooms at Greens Bluff Nature Preserve

8:00 a.m.

Carpool from Nature Center at 7:30 a.m.

Location: Take Hwy 43 South 5 miles and turn right onto Sherfield Road. After 1 mile, take a left at a "T" intersection. Take the left fork in the road and follow another 1/4 mile to the parking area.

- Join Jess Gwinn of the Sassafras Audubon Society for a moderately strenuous hike to identify spring wildflowers and migrating songbirds.



more Sunday programs on back...